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REMARKS

Claims 23, 24, 30-34, and 45-48 are now pending in this application. Claims 20-22, 25-30, and 35-44 are rejected. Claims 23, 24, and 31-34 are objected to. Claims 20-22, 25-29 and 35-44 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-19 are previously cancelled. New claims 45-48 are added. Claims 23, 24, and 30-34 are amended to make them independent and/or to clarify the invention.

Claim 40 has been objected to as not further limiting claim 30. Claim 40 has been cancelled, making its objection moot.

Claims 21-24 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 21 and 22 have been cancelled, making their rejection moot.

Regarding claims 21-23, the Office Action states that the definition of "canvas" as one of drawing paper, cotton or other non-canvas cloth is not appropriate since "canvas" has a particular art-recognized meaning. Although it is Applicant's position that an Applicant can be his own lexicographer and that there is no need to amend claim 23, in order to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application the term "canvas" has been changed to "substrate" and the claims recite what is meant by "substrate" in the claims themselves and with some additional information being found in the dependent claims. The claims have been amended so as to clarify that it is the chemical fiber paper and the chemical fiber cloth where there is exclusion of a water-soluble element which affects the pH

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of the plant matter (see the paragraph bridging pages 12-13 of the specification as filed).

Regarding claims 23 and 24, the Office Action states that the term "tiny" is not defined in the specification and is not definite. The term "tiny" has been removed from the claims.

Regarding claim 30, the Office Action states that "device or a roller" is not appropriate since a roller is a device. The language of "device or a roller" has been changed to "device" and the language pertaining to a roller has been moved to dependent claims.

Claims 35 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Art and Craft of Pounding Flowers, pp. 10-19 and 23-29 (Martin). Claims 35 and 36 have been cancelled, making their rejection moot.

Claims 20-22, 25-30, 37, and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Martin. Claims 20-22, 25-30, 37, and 38 have been cancelled, making their rejection moot.

Claims 39-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Martin. Claims 29-44 have been cancelled, making their rejection moot.

Claims 23, 24, 31, 32, and 33 have been amended to be independent. The limitations of allowable claim 34 have been added to claim 30 and, accordingly, claim 34 has been amended to no longer depend from claim 30. New claims 45-48

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have been added. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims can be found in, for example, the claims as filed.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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